PRESIDENT: The question has no direct relation to Government. It relates only to Dewan Peishkars.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): My question is whether, as the Head of each Division, the Dewan Peishkars made enquiries into the effects of social legislation undertaken by this Government on behalf of the three major communities in the State. The answer is "No". It surely arises as a supplementary question as to whether it was not the concern of the Head of the Division to have made enquiries.

PRESIDENT: For that question the Secretary claims notice; because it is perhaps a question of Government's policy.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): I did not raise a question of policy at all.

PRESIDENT: It is a matter of the opinion of the Government as to the particular policy to be pursued; and, when the Secretary in charge of the question claims notice, I do not think you can question further.

MR. K MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*: I cannot hear you, Sir.

PRESIDENT: He claims notice for that question, which perhaps raises a question of policy.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): I did not raise a question of policy.

PRESIDENT: You said you did not hear me; please listen and hear me out. The Secretary has claimed notice and you cannot press that question further.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): So, the ruling is that it does not arise as a supplementary question?

PRESIDENT: When he claims notice, you cannot press that question further. That is my ruling.

Employment of qualified medical women and midwives by Municipal Councils.

13. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Municipal Councils have employed qualified medical women or midwives for attendance on women in their homes; and

(*b*) the amount of money left unspent at the close of the year 1103 by such of the Municipal Councils as have not employed qualified midwives under them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 8.

(*b*) A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

Admission of students to the Science College, Trivandrum.

14. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

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[Mr. P. S. Mahomed.]

(*a*) the number of students that passed the recent School Final Examination;

(*b*) the number of Muslim students among them;

(*c*) the number of Muslim students who applied for admission to the Junior Intermediate Class of the Science College, Trivandrum;

(*d*) the number among them who got admission to the above class; and

(*e*) the number of seats provided for in the Junior Intermediate Class of the Science College?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 2,343.

(*b*) 42.

(*c*) Group I ... 3
Group II ... 6
Total ... 9

		No. selected	*No. joined.*
(*d*)	Group II ...	4	4
(*e*)	Group I ...	132	
	Group II ...	110	

Teaching of classical languages in the Government Colleges.

15. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): With reference to His Highness the Maha Raja's Colleges of Arts and of Science, Trivandrum, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what are the classical languages taught in these Colleges;

(*b*) how many students have taken Sanskrit as their subject; and

(*c*) how many Mahomedan students are there in the College classes at Trivandrum?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Sanskrit is the only classical language taught in these Colleges.

(*b*) 125.

(*c*) 34.

Teaching of Arabic in Colleges and High Schools.

16. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that, as there is no provision for teaching Arabic in the College classes, the Muslim students in the High School classes are under a great disadvantage in taking Arabic as an optional subject; and

(*b*) that in British Indian Colleges there is provision for teaching Arabic?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

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